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AN ARTIST'S RAMBLES IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE.



BABRAHAM.

Babraham is a picturesque little village pleasantly situated on the river Grant, at the foot of the Gogmagog range, about seven miles south-east of Cambridge. Babraham House is a handsome modern-built mansion of red brick with stone-facings; it is a splendid example of the Elizabethan style. It was erected in 1582, and is undoubtedly one of the best country seats in Cambridgeshire. It stands in an extensive park, which is ornately timbered and well stocked with game. Close to the mansion stands the church, a Gothic-like structure, exhibiting a variety of architecture. For instance, the chancel displays the Decorated style, the Perpendicular preails in the nave, while the tower is evidently Norman. Inside it is an old-fashioned looking place—its pulpit, reading-desk, and clerk's box is a curious triplet of woodwork; such a piece of antiquity is seldom seen now-a-days. The south aisle is completely taken up with a brick vault, which is raised about two feet above the ground level. This is the "Adams" vault. At the end thereof there is a monumental tomb with life-sized figures in antique garb and weeping boys on each side. From the inscription, we learn that it commemorates two brothers, Richard and Thomas Benet; they were both baronets; they lived together and were brought up together at school, in the university, and in the law courts. The parallelism went one step further, they married two sisters, one of which, Lady Judith Benet, was a great benefactor of the parish. In the belfry are five bells, two of which are dated 1614, and from their inscription we learn that they were placed there by one of the Palavicini family, and this fact may fitly introduce a racy piece of sarcastic rhyme that has often been quoted, and may be again. It runs thus:—

Here lies Horatio Palavicino,
Who robbed the Pope to lend the Queen,
He was a thief! A thief! Thou leest,
For while? He robbed but Antichrist.
His Death with leaves swept from Babrahan
Into the bosom of old Atheran
Then came Hercules with his Club
And struck him down to Basilobus.

This racy epigram is given in Walpole's *Anecdotes of Painting*, and a pretty piece of word painting it is. From 1776 to 1800 Babraham was the seat of Sir Horatio Palavicino, a Genoese trickster, who was employed as collector of the Papal taxes in the reign of Queen Mary, but upon the accession of Queen Elizabeth he took advantage of the change of the State religion to convert the money to his own use. He was naturalized by Queen Elizabeth in 1586, with whom he was a favourite. He commanded one of the English warships in the great naval victory over the Spanish Armada in 1588. He died at Babraham on the 6th July, 1600; his widow, after a year and a day of widowhood, married Sir Oliver Cromwell, of Hinchinbrook, near Huntingdon.

CHERRYHINTON. GRANTCHESTER.

Accident—Stephen Hardwick, a farmer, of Cherryhinton, on Thursday evening the 27th.

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Mike Petty, Stretham

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Babraham Scrapbook

1904 02 13

The Cambridgeshire Public House Trust Association was registered in 1903 and has taken over the Tharp Arms Inn at Chippenham, the Duncombe Arms at Waresley with the George Inn, Babraham soon to follow. The movement was a commercial undertaking with a philanthropic end. They wanted to raise the tone of the public house and promote temperance. The managers obtain no benefit from the sale of alcoholic liquors but make a profit on non-intoxicants; hot soup is supplied and villagers seem to appreciate the change as more and more public houses are ready to supply non-alcoholic refreshments.

1905 07 21

Babraham flowers & fighting, p3

1907 03 20

The Stetchworth Dairy Company delivered milk in cans stamped with their name and round number. Percy Atkins, one of their roundsmen noticed the Babraham Dairy Company using a can which had the words 'St' and 'Dairy' on it; the rest of the name had been soldered over. But they said it was old and rusty, so they thought it had been abandoned. The dairy could have it back if they wanted. Magistrates said that obliterating the name was ill advised, but the charge of theft was dismissed. 07 03 20 & a

1908 03 18

Babraham church wall paintings restored – 08 03 18a & b & c

1909 05 28

Mrs J. Wilson was born nearly 100 years ago at Hildersham where her father was schoolmaster. Books were very dear and it was a great event in a scholar's life to have one to write in. There were no steel pens, quills costing a penny each being used. She remembers church services at Babraham where there was a barrel organ worked by a village blacksmith, men and women sat on different sides and while singing turned round and faced the west gallery. 09 05 28

1910

1911 08 04

Fire Adeane's farm, Babraham – 11 08 04h

1911 08 25

The proposed army manoeuvres have been abandoned due to the drought. This is a disappointment to local tradesmen. The tender of G.P. Hawkins had been accepted for the supply of bread to troops expected at Cambridge, Gt Wilbraham, Babraham, Fulbourn and elsewhere. Bicycles hired for the use of the advance party engaged in constructing telegraphs were returned to Robinson's bicycle showroom. The Royal Engineers encamped near Whittlesford station will take down the telegraph posts and wires already erected. Landlords of village inns have cause to regret the abandonment for the advance party of troops had evidenced a liking for a variation of camp fare. 11 08 25b

1914 07 03

Marriage. — A large congregation assembled at Pampisford Church on Monday when the wedding of Mr. J. J. Bailey, of Sawston, and Miss Bass, of Pampisford was solemnised. Considerable local interest was taken in the marriage. For many years Mr. Bailey has been associated with local political and religious life, and his prowess in the cricket field is well-known- During the past ten years, Mr. Bailey has been secretary to the Babraham, Pampisford and Sawston Conservative Association. He has also been closely identified with the work of the Congregational Sunday School, of which he has been a secretary, and has captained the Sawston Cricket Club. He is also a manager of the local

schools. Mr. John James Bailey is a son of the late Mr. John Bailey and Mrs. Bailey, and Miss Ethel Laura Kate Bass, of Pampisford, is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bass of Victoria Park, Cambridge. There was a large attendance of members of the Babraham, Pampisford and Sawston Conservative Association at the White Lion. Sawston, when a presentation of a canteen of table silver and cutlery and a cheque was made to Mr. Bailey. At a special general meeting of the Sawston Church Institute Cricket Club, a silver mounted tray, suitably inscribed, was also presented to him. – 1914 07 03 CIPof

1914 12 04

The Cambridge Corps of Guides is composed of men with an intimate knowledge of their locality, its roads, bridges, blacksmith and wheelwright's shops, camping grounds and billeting accommodation. They will not bear arms or wear uniforms but have been supplied with button-hole badges. In event of invasion they will act as a guide to troops. They include F.W. Crain of Fen Ditton, Frank Muncey from Fordham and George Watson from Babraham 14 12 04

1914 12 11

War Wedding at Babraham.—A large congregation assembled at St. Peter's Church, Babraham, on Saturday morning, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Sibell Eleanor Maud Adeane and the Hon. Edward James Kay-Shuttleworth. The bride is the second daughter of Mr. C. R. W. Adeane, Chairman of the Cambs. and Isle of Ely Territorial Force Association, and a prominent worker in the county, and Mrs. Adeane, of Babraham Hall. The bridegroom is the younger son of Lord and Lady Shuttleworth, of Gawthorpe Hall, Burnley, and Barbon Manor, Kirkby Lonsdale. Mr. Shuttleworth, who is a barrister-at-law, has received a commission in the 7th Rifle Brigade. The ceremony was of a private nature, the number of guests in attendance being somewhat limited. 14 12 11

1915 10 27

Lord Lieut's daughter married. The wedding of Miss Madeline Adeane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adeane, of Babraham, and Capt, Denis Grey Wigan, 60th Rifles (brother of Sir Robert Wigan. Bart.) was solemnised at St. Peter's Church Babraham on Thursday last. The service was largely attended by county people, great interest being centred on the happy event. It was a military wedding. The bride's father, besides being the Lord Lieutenant of the County, is the chairman of the Cambs. and Isle of Ely Territorial Force Association, and has as such, perhaps, done more than any other man to obtain such a splendid rally of Cambridgeshire men to the Flag, whilst Mrs. Adeane is the President of the County branch of the British Red Cross Society. The bridegroom, who joined the 60th Rifles in August, 1914, went to the Front in the following November. He was educated at Eton and Oxford, played cricket for Eton in 1910 and 1911 and was captain of the Eton eleven in 1912. 15 10 27 CIP

1916 01 19

Death of Lady Biddulph. — General regret has been felt throughout the county at the bereavement sustained by the Lord Lieutenant, Mr C. R. W. Adeane by the death of his mother, Lady Biddulph, who passed away on Wednesday night. Her ladyship was a well-known figure in society for many years. Born in 1834, she was the eldest child of the fourth Earl of Hardwicke. She left her father's house, historic Wimpole, in 1860, to marry Mr. H. J. Adeane and live at Babraham, only a few miles distant. 16 01 19

1918 10 23

Babraham war memorial unveiled – 18 10 23c

1919 04 02

County wedding. — At the church of St. Peter, Babraham, on Thursday, the marriage took place of the Hon. George Lyttelton, son of Viscount and Viscountess Cobham, and Miss Pamela Adeane, eldest daughter of Mr. C. R. W. Adeane, Lord Lieutenant of the County, and Mrs. Adeane, Babraham Hall. The church was beautifully decorated and the ceremony took place in the presence of a large congregation. A reception was afterwards held at Babraham Hall, and later the bride and bridegroom left for "Normanton," Wiltshire, lent by Lord and Lady Glenconner. 19 04 02 CIP

1930

1930 10 30

A fire broke out at Reed Farm, Babraham; a dozen stacks and several cottages were threatened by the flames. The big fire engine arrived but found that the nearest place from which water could be obtained was about a mile away. So the small Dennis engine was sent for and numerous small water tanks fed it with supplies. But water was so scarce that only the small hose could be used and the firemen had to concentrate on saving the stacks and cottages close by. 30 10 30e

1933 05 13

The Eastern Counties Folklore Society held its first meeting at the University Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology. Dr Haddon explained its object was to collect and record folk customs, rites and beliefs. One charm he mentioned had been discovered at Babraham: a stone which was put into the manger to cure a horse of night sweats – supposed to be caused by the animal being ridden by a witch. 33 05 13

1936 07 08

Babraham vicar & ice-cream salesman – 36 07 08

1936 07 14

Vicar of Babraham, formerly Fen Drayton, unfrocked – 36 07 14

1937 08 28

Babraham old bridge removed – photo – 37 08 28

1938 09 10

'Doctor Dido' novel by F.K. Lucas set in Cambridge & Babraham at time of Pitt – 38 09 10 # c.74

1939 03 25

Babraham Road development approved – 39 03 25b

1940

1941 06 20

Old-time names of villages.— The recent paragraph giving the old-time names of several Cambridge streets has led a correspondent to compile from old books and documents a list of some old-time village names (says Watchman). Most of these old names, it may be said, are taken from the "Cambridgeshire" section of "Magna Britannia." a valuable work compiled by the Rev. David Lysons and Mr. Samuel Lysons and published in the year 1808. The present-day name is given first, the old name following it in parentheses; Abington Pigotts (Abington in the Clay). Babraham (Baburham, Badburham, and Badburham), Burrough Green (Burgh), Coton (Cotes), Croydon (Crawden), Fowlmere (Foulmire and Fulmere), Harston (Harlston), East Hatley (Castell Hatley), Hatley St. George (Hungry Halley), Hauxton (Hawkstpn), Cherry Hinton (Hinton), Oakington (Hokington), Isleham (Iselham), Horningsea (Hornsey), Kirtling (Chartelinge. Catlige and Catlage). Pampisford (Pamps-worth), Quy or Stow-cum-Quy (Stow-Quy), Thriplow (Triplow). There are, of course, very much older and more peculiar names to some villages, notably those in the Domesday Book, compiled in the time of William the Conqueror and finished in the summer of 1086. The above old names, however, are some which appear to have been in use in comparatively modern times, or, say, 133 years ago. 41 06 20

1941 08 08

Sudden passing of Mrs. Adeane. We deeply regret to record the death of Mrs. C. R.W. Adeane, O.B.E., which occurred suddenly from heart failure at Babraham Hall on Thursday evening of last week. Mrs. Adeane was in Cambridge only a few hours earlier, and almost up to the last carried on her indefatigable work for the many good causes in which she was interested. The deepest sympathy

will go out to Ald. Adeane, Lord Lieutenant of the county, and his family in their loss. By her unflinching charm of manner as much as by her ever-ready willingness to help any good cause, Mrs. Adeane had made herself a wide circle of friends, both in the county and elsewhere. And since the beginning of the war particularly, she had rendered unstilted assistance to her husband in helping on the many charitable organisations to which he gave a lead. It was Mrs. Adeane who instituted a fund for the Air Defence Corps. Before the sitting of Linton Court on Wednesday, the chairman (Mr. H. Titmarsh) paid a tribute to the memory of Mrs. Adeane. "Since the court last met," he said, "we have lost a much-loved member. For the last 20 years Mrs. Adeane has served this court with unflinching courtesy." Mr. Titmarsh went on to speak of her wide sympathy and understanding. She had passed on, as she would have wished, without any fuss or ostentation; her charming personality was a refreshing memory to them . . . She had left behind her a sense of irreparable loss'.

1943 02 11

Death of Mr, C, R. W. Adeane,—We regret to announce the death of the Lord Lieutenant, Mr. C. R. W. Adeane, who passed peacefully away at Babraham yesterday in his 80th year. Mr. Adeane had been in failing health for some time and had been confined to the Hall since Christmas. Mrs. Adeane died in July, 1941, and he is survived by one son, Lt. Col. Robert Adeane, who has been serving abroad for three years, and by five daughters. Mr. Adeane was educated at Eton and Christchurch, Oxford, and married in 1888. Since early in the 18th century, the name of Adeane has been an honoured one in Cambridgeshire and ever since the family have maintained the closest association with the county's history. Mr. Adeane, no less than other members of his family ... enjoyed his patronage, and all will miss the great personal interest he took in their activities. His father, grandfather and great grandfather in turn all represented the county in Parliament, but Mr. Adeane was unsuccessful, when he stood as Liberal candidate for South Hunts, in 1900. A Justice of the Peace for the County since 1886, he was Vice-Chairman of the County Quarter Sessions from 1912 to 1915. It was in the latter year that he was appointed Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire. He had seen many years of service on the County Council, which he first joined in 1892. He was a member for three years and then, after a break, was elected again in 1904. Babraham Hall, which has been the seat of the Adeane family for generations ...43 02 11, 43 02 15

1943 08 05

Army cadets camp at Babraham Park – 43 08 05

1947 04 18

A conference to discuss water problems and their solutions heard recommendations as to the water supply to the parishes of Longstowe, Babraham, Duxford etc. Merits of a scheme for a supply of water to those parishes without a piped supply were discussed. The main point at issue was whether the existing source at Croydon should be maintained and developed. One hundred and twenty thousand gallons of water per day were wasted during the recent severe weather. Owing to the snow and floods it was difficult to account for the losses. Eventually however they were found to be due to burst pipes at Bassingbourn airfield, p9

1948 06 08

Concern at the possibility of parts of Cambridgeshire countryside being taken over by the R.A.F. for practice bombing ranges was voiced at a meeting in Trinity College. They propose to set up practice bombing ranges at Babraham (near Duxford aerodrome), East Hatley (near Bassingbourn and Bourn) and North of Whittlesey. These ranges, it said, are used from time to time for dropping marker bombs only and when the red flag is flying and the footpaths across are blocked. At Babraham the range is crossed by two footpaths but the footbridge across the river is broken down.

1948 09 25

Speaking on the Radio "Country Magazine" broadcast from Histon Reg Robinson, a Babraham farmer, said "You'll only get one quart out of a waggoner", which had a similar meaning to "a pint out of a pint pot". The "waggoner" was a grey china mug out of which the waggoners of bygone days used to have a quart when they stopped at a public house. "The last one I saw was at the King's Head,

Sawston," Mr Robinson added. "Some of them used to have a pattern with a black line round the top". I wonder if there are any to be found in local "pubs" these days?

1948 10 11

Sir - The time is over-due for drawing attention to the scandalous conditions of many of our ancient rights-of-way and footpaths. From Bury Farm, Stapleford a public footpath leads across a fine stretch of upland to Babraham. During the war the stone and iron bridge was removed where the path led across the Babraham river and neither of the parish councils have taken any action about it. I suggest that every village school should construct a home-made map of the village on which was delineated every public path. The old inhabitants would supply the necessary information. It should be the business of the teacher to perambulate these paths at least once a year, in the company of the scholars - "Countryman"

1949 01 26

Arthur Askey at Babraham, p5

1950

1952 07 10

Babraham Common has for centuries been an area where the countryman had been able to roam at will, with only the scuttling rabbits to keep him company. Stepping over ancient stiles directed the wayfarer along ancient foot-ways. But today the Rambler searches in vain for these ancient rights-of-way which, for the most part, have been ploughed up. The footbridge over the stream was removed during the war and no effort has been made to replace it. It is hoped that the Parish Council who will shortly consider and delineate their paths are fully conscious of their responsibility.

1954 10 06

The Minister of Education has refused to allow funding for a new school for Milton, but one new classroom will be built. There will also be building at Babraham, Histon and Cheveley while Harston is growing fast and a pre-fabricated classroom would be constructed. The position at Kennett shows how quickly a development plan was out-dated. The roll at this single-roomed school has risen from 14 to 27 and would continue to increase. Negotiations would start to purchase the premises now held on lease and plans for an extension prepared.

1960s *The Cambridgeshire Collection has newspaper cuttings files from this date*

1960

1960 09 15

The new Dottrell Hall Pumping Station, which is to supply water for South Cambridgeshire's comprehensive water supply scheme is nearing completion. Water mains have been laid at Pampisford and Babraham with Fowlmere and Thriplow to follow. But residents of Gamlingay Heath who petitioned for extensions to their village sewers will be disappointed. The scheme would cost £500 for every house served and would not be approved by the Ministry 60 09 15

1960 12 31

Colonel R.P.W. Adeane, who farms extensively in the Babraham area has been made a Knight Bachelor in the New Years Honours List for services to the Tate Gallery. The OBE goes to Clement Norman Gautrey of Cottenham, one of the county's foremost supporters of Civil Defence since 1960 with an MBE to Cyril Thomas Pack, assistant postmaster at Huntingdon, W.O. Hicks the chef at Ely RAF Hospital and James Helm of the Isle of Ely Fire Brigade. Alan Rawsthorne is awarded the CBE. He writes instrumental work and composed music for the Saffron Walden festival of arts in 1958 60 12 31

1961 06 30

With taxation problems and death duties many stately homes are being turned into business premises. Abington Hall was a private residence for a Mr Bertrand who surrendered it to the Army during the War, it is now the British Welding Research Association. Lord Inchcape left Chesterford Park in 1918; it became a Jewish Home for Incurable and is now Fison's Pest Control research centre. The mansion at Shudy Camps houses thousands of chickens having been acquired by Lyddite Chicks in 1949 - 61 05 30d also Madingley Hall, Milton Hall, Wimpole Hall, Babraham Hall belongs to the Agricultural Research Council # 61 06 30d

1961 07 22

Cambridge Water Company opens new pumping station at Babraham – 61 07 22

1961 02 03

Throughout the year the CIP carried a series of feature articles relating to Cambridgeshire villages. They include: Babraham – 61 02 03 CIP

1980

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Babraham Hall experiments, p5